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## El Monte Teacher Charged with Lewd Act, Child Molesting

A Miramonte Elementary School teacher accused of inappropriately touching young female students was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joseph Alfred Baldenebro (dob 9/12/62) of Montebello has been charged with five counts in case KA115591: one felony count of lewd act upon a child and four misdemeanor counts of child molesting.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Prosecutors are asking that bail be set at \$102,000.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program, who is assigned to the case, said Baldenebro allegedly engaged in improper touching with five female students on school grounds between August 2015 and May 2017.

The reported victims were in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the alleged crimes, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Baldenebro faces a possible maximum sentence of 12 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.